

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 131  
By Williams (Wil)

A RESOLUTION to designate a certain segment of State Route 12  
in Cheatham and Davidson Counties as the  
“Lindahl Parkway”.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to take time each year to  
inventory its industrial success and to salute those industries and individuals contributing to our  
state’s continuing economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the best kept industrial secret in Tennessee is State Industries, Inc., an  
Ashland City company started in 1946 by the Lindahl family; the first products the company  
produced were heating and cooking stoves fueled by wood and coal; and

WHEREAS, from its modest beginning as a producer of heating and cooking stoves, the  
company broadened its horizons to include a new product line, namely electric water heaters,  
doubling its employment from 15 to 30 employees in the process; and

WHEREAS, success in electric water heater production led the fledgling company to  
begin producing of gas water heaters and increase its total employment to 75 persons by 1954;  
and

WHEREAS, State Industries currently employs 2400 Tennesseans, produces in excess  
of 10,000 water heaters daily, and has manufacturing and warehousing operations in Ashland  
City, Cookeville, Dayton, and Franklin, with offices and distribution facilities in France and Great  
Britain; and

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WHEREAS, under the august leadership of former Chairman and CEO John Lindahl, Sr. and current President and CEO Herbert Lindahl, Jr., both of whom succeeded founder Herbert Lindahl, Sr., State Industries is today the largest manufacturer of water heaters in the world; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and entrepreneurship exhibited by this family brings singular honor, economic enrichment and good jobs to our communities and state; and

WHEREAS, John and Herb Lindahl and their families are developing a substantial export business, are importing needed capital to Tennessee, and are expanding their product lines to include the growing heating and air conditioning markets; all of these actions will result in more jobs for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly and the good people of Tennessee are particularly grateful for the important role the Lindahl family has played in the development of Tennessee's economy for the past 51 years; and the Lindahls are especially deserving of this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the newly reconstructed portion of State Route 12, beginning at its intersection with Briley Parkway (State Route 155) in Davidson County and extending northeasterly to and including ByPass Road within the city limits of Ashland City in Cheatham County, is hereby named the "Lindahl Parkway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 12 as the "Lindahl Parkway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.